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Two Individuals Plead Guilty to
Selling Drugs on the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation

FARGO - United States Attorney Timothy Q. Purdon announced that on May 2, 2011, **Patrick Dean Peltier** of Devils Lake, North Dakota, and **Christine Holtz** of Fargo, North Dakota, pleaded guilty before United States District Court Judge Ralph R. Erickson to charges of distribution of a controlled substance.

Peltier, 50, pleaded guilty to distributing hydrocodone pills, a Schedule II controlled substance, on the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation in September of 2010. The charge of distribution of a controlled substance (hydrocodone) carries a statutory maximum penalty of 20 years' imprisonment.

Holtz, 29, pleaded guilty to selling marijuana, a Schedule I controlled substance, on the Spirit Lake Indian Reservation in October of 2010. The charge of distribution of a controlled substance (marijuana) carries a statutory maximum penalty of five years' imprisonment.

The cases were investigated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Drug Enforcement Administration, North Dakota Bureau of Criminal Investigation, and the Devils Lake Police Department.

Sentencing for both Peltier and Holtz has been scheduled for July 13, 2011, in United States District Court in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Assistant United States Attorney Janice M. Morley is prosecuting the cases.

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